

Department of History



Workshop

Photographs as sources for writing histories of medicine, health and healing in colonial and postcolonial Africa

Fakultätenzimmer, Kollegienhaus, Petersplatz 1, 4051 Basel

Thursday 19 May 2022

9h Welcome and introduction

9h30 Sloan Mahone (University of Oxford)

10h15 Catherine Burns (University of the Witwatersrand/Adler Museum of Medicine)

11h Break

11h30 Discussion

12h30 Lunch

13h30 Catherine Burns input

13h50 Michaela Clark (University of Manchester): Surface Tensions: Photographic Uncertainties at Cape Town's Medical School

14h40 Rosa Williams (St Lawrence University): Being seen to care: Photographs, audiences and the medical mission in colonial Mozambique

15h30 Break

16h00 Oluwafunminiyi Raheem (University of Ilorin): 'He took me by the hand and led me into the spirit world': What photographs can tell us about Susanne Wenger's traditional healing in Nigeria

16h50 Danelle van Zyl-Hermann (University of Basel): *Visualising tuberculosis control: Medical imagery in late-colonial Kenya*

17h40 Wrap up

18h End, proceed to dinner

Friday 20 May 2022

8h30 Catherine Burns input

8h50 Victor Olaoye (Graduate Institute Geneva): A photographic history of philanthropic interventions in Nigeria's public health: The case of the Rockefeller Foundation

9h40 Sarah Ehlers (Rachel Carson Centre, LMU/Deutsches Museum): *Picturing the effects of pesticide use: Practices of photographic evidence in postcolonial Africa, 1970-1980s*

10h30 Break

11h00 Chimwemwe Phiri (Durham University): Visual representations of tropical diseases in colonial Malawi and Sudan: A comparative understanding of the epistemology and politics of medical imagery

11h50 Rory du Plessis (University of Pretoria): *Making visible the humanness of children with intellectual disabilities in South Africa, circa 1895 to 1916*

12h40 Wrap up

13h Lunch, travel to Novartis

15h Novartis archival visit

17h30 End, proceed to dinner